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**LAST WEEK'S WEATHER**

| | Low | High | Precip. |
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| February 7 | 0C | 7C | Nil |
| February 8 | 3C | 9C | 1.5 mm |
| February 9 | 0C | 8C | 2.0 mm |
| February 10 | 2C | 7C | 6.4 mm |
| February 11 | 4C | 5C | 37.6 mm |
| February 12 | 1C | 9C | 2.8 mm |
| February 13 | 2C | 10C | 2.3 mm |

Week's rain 52.6 mm Feb. 1976 52.6 mm
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# Alternate education program funded by school board

The school board has made a committment to an alternate education program that will aim to encourage students who have been "turned off" or discouraged by the regular school program to increase their educational achievement. The committment was made at last Thursday night's meeting in the form of $34,000 which will provide for two programs, one associated with Elphinstone and the other associated with Pender Harbour High. Each program will employ a teacher, a teacher's aide and a child-care worker.

In a brief compiled by members of the school district, the Department of Human Resources and the Attorney-General's department, the specific objectives of the program are outlined. They are: to give each student grade ten equivalence as a minimum education; to reduce delinquency; to reduce absenteeism; to develop a more positive self-image; and to provide an opportunity to re-enter secondary education.

The initial funds committed by the board last Thursday will cover the period from September 1976 to January 1977. While the majority of the costs of the program will be borne by the school district, part will be financed by the Department of Human Resources and the Attorney-General's Department. The amount of the financial committment to be made by these other agencies involved is not known, although it has been called minimal.

The program, which will fall under the joint jurisdiction of the school superintendent and the regional director of Social Services, will operate outside the high schools although some students may take some classes in the regular high school program. Both programs will accommodate about 20 students.

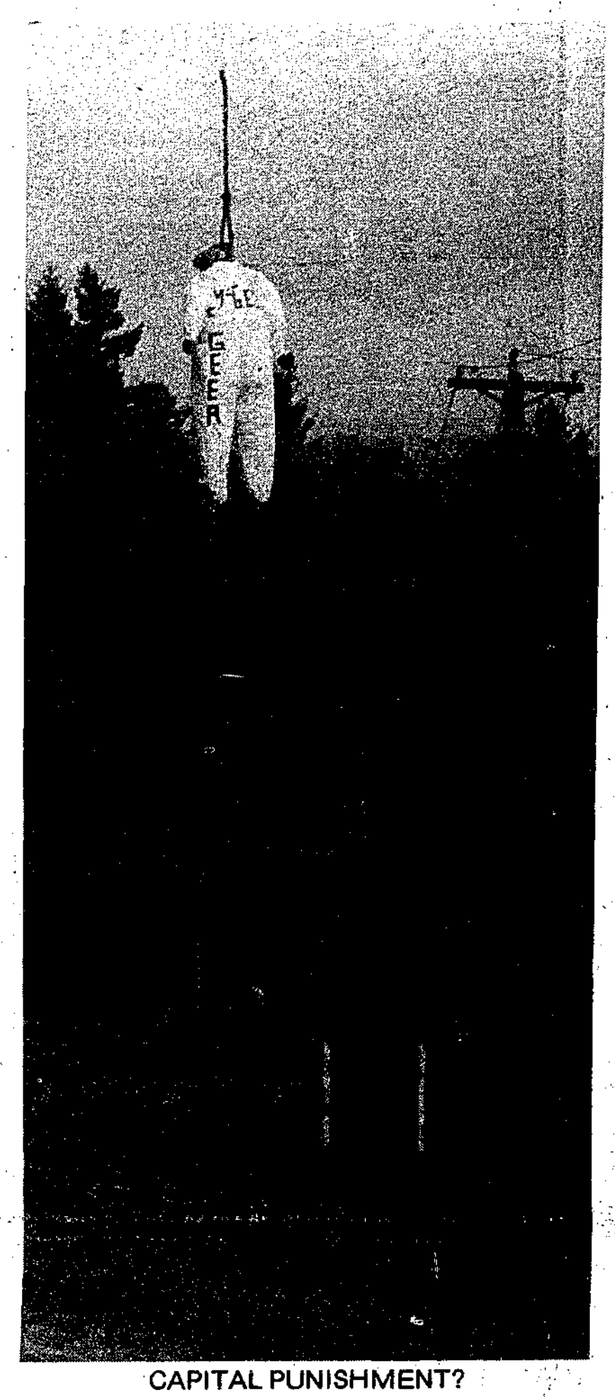
The curriculum of the program will be individualized as much as possible, geared to student aptitudes. Major emphasis will be placed on basic communication and mathematical skills.

Ed Nicholson, learning assictance co-ordinator, and Drew McKee, special counsellor, explained the program further in a press conference Friday by saying that students will be taught basic life skills as well as academic subjects. He said the students would be involved in sports, outdoor education, work experience programs, and be exposed to industry away from the Sunshine Coast. He said students will have a chance to learn about logging and fishing if their interests lie in that direction.

"One of the most important things is to see changes in attitude in the student's self-image and the attitude towards the home and the community."
He said the program aims for the type of person that has just given up trying. The program seeks to change that attitude.

It was also pointed out that two programs are necessary, one in the Gibsons area and one in Pender Harbour, because of cultural, geographical and social differences. There is a possibility of a third program being developed in Sechelt in conjunction with the new Sechelt Junior Secondary school.

"We are concerned," said Nicholson, "that there be a viable alternative to a kid who feels that he can't hack it in the regular school system."



CAPITAL PUNISHMENT?
*AN EFFIGY* of Pat McGeer swayed gently in the wind over Highway 101 near Langdale ferry terminal last Friday. On the same day thousands of demonstrators appeared in front of the Parliament Buildings in Victoria to demonstrate opposition to the ICBC rate increases.

# $100,000 for Elphinstone

Elphinstone Secondary school will receive a $100,000 injection for improvements and alterations.

This decision was hurriedly made by the Sechelt and District School Board Thursday night after the presentation of briefs by both students and staff from the recently completed high school.

An estimate to cover the cost of all the changes and improvements as recommended by the two briefs, initially commissioned by school superintendent John Denley, was set at $250,000 but trustees decided to spread this amount over a three year plan. The committment of $100,000 was made for priority items for the school and the decision had to be made Thursday night for the figure to be included in this year's budget which had to be finalized at the same meeting.

Part of the $100,000 expenditure, which will first have to be approved by the Department of Education, will go towards the cost of painting the interior of the school, removing the portable classroom, and blacktopping areas around the school.

School District Secretary-Treasurer Roy Mills pointed out that some of the improvements listed in the brief have already been financed by the fire loss fund. In his report to the board Mills said that some of the recommended improvements remain to be done as part of the original contract of the new school and that the funding already exists.

Mills pointed out in his report that the board could raise approximately $80,000 from unexpended contingency funds and from a sales tax rebate for the improvements on Elphinstone. However the board decided not to take that route and instead placed $100,000 in the 1976 budget. This amount will not be shared by the Department of Education.

Commenting on other requests made in the two separate briefs, Mills said that some of the recommendations made may fit into a funding pattern already established by the Department of Education. Upgrading the existing areas of the school and enhancing equipment areas not affected by the fire, Mills points out, will have to be considered in direct competition and on the same basis as similar requests from other schools, mainly in the routine maintenance or capital upgrading budget.

"It does not seem fair to give those areas a particular priority over any other school program because they happen to have been submitted as part of an overall program which has its core objective the isolation of problems associated with the new section of Elphinstone school," Mills said in his report.

Commenting on the briefs, Trustee Claus Spiekermann said the trustees had inspected the school and realized the need for a $250,000 commitment. He added: "I think it's a large sum of money and it's unfortunate that it wasn't initially recognized."

# Budget increased

The school board budget was given a final sanction by trustees last Thursday night but not before an extra $135,000 was added on to the total which now stands close to the $5 million mark.

With $100,000 going to improvements and alterations for Elphinstone and about $35,000 committed to a new alternate education program to begin next September, the school board budget now totals $4,720,518.

This includes an 18 percent overrun in A to F section of the budget which is set at a figure recommended by the Department of Education. A special bylaw was required to allow the board to go over the basic financing level.

The budget, which has to be in Victoria by February 15, was accepted by the board. Trustee Peter Prescesky voted against the motion to accept the budget because he did not approve of the 18 percent overrun.

The 1976 budget is not expected to increase the school mill rate because the increase will be offset by the reduction in teachers' wages as soon as the federal wage guidelines are adopted by this province. The present school mill rate is 34.73 and according to school board secretary-treasurer Roy Mills it may even drop slightly this year if salaries are lowered.

# No aides for teachers this year

After already adding $135,000 to the school district's 1976 budget, school trustees were not too enthused about spending anywhere from $23,000 to $97,000 for teachers aides.

Joan Robb, a teacher at Gibsons Elementary, told the school board at a meeting held in Elphinstone Thursday night that paid teacher aides would be desirable because it would allow teachers more privacy during their lunch hours. She said teachers' lunch hours are now taken up by supervising student activities.

But even though the aides would be desirable, Ms. Robb did admit that "we were staggered by the figures." She did not press the board for an immediate commitment but added that there was a long term need for teachers' aides.

Trustee Claus Spiekermann echoed the board's sentiments when he said he was not in favor of a teachers' aides program at the moment. He also indicated that more details were needed in the STA report. It was suggested another presentation be prepared for consideration in next year's budget.

# Bylaws move on

The controversial amendments to land use bylaw 96 and subdivision bylaw 103 were given third reading by the Sunshine Coast Regional Board last Thursday night. Both will now go to Victoria for approval and then return to the board for final adoption.

The bylaw amendments have caused recent concern in the Pender Harbour area because it places certain restrictions on developers subdividing land. A petition had been circulated in Pender Harbour opposing the bylaw amendments but the Regional Director for that area, Jack Paterson, has since stated that the petition was based on misinformation. Paterson also felt the petition was initiated by developers.

In other Regional Board news, Chairman John McNevin has joined Gambier Island Community Association president B. L. Anthony in calling for written protests to be sent to Victoria to try and prevent the dissolution of the Islands Trust by the Municipal Affairs department. He said that private citizens should make their voices heard.

"If enough messages get through, it won't be dissolved," McNevin said.

# Water system improved

Regional Board Director Morgan Thompson reported at last Thursday's meeting that improvements to the existing water system will be made soon. In Langdale, a total of 600 feet of pipe will be replaced at a cost of $5000. Davis Bay and Porpoise Bay will both receive a total of 4200 feet of pipe replaced at a combined cost of $40,000. This includes replacement of some of the original wood stave water mains laid with Sechelt's first water system.

# *Miss Sea Cavalcade attends Vernon Winter Carnival*

Miss Gibsons Sea Cavalcade, Tracy McDonald, was a guest recently at the Vernon Winter Carnival.

Along with 30 other visiting Queens, including Miss PNE and Miss Bahamas, Tracy was officially welcomed at a coffee party on February 5. She then attended the Coronation ceremonies and presentation of visiting royalty at the Ice Palace.

That evening the girls attended the Snow Flake Ball where they were presented to Lt. Governor and Mrs. Walter Owen and the Mayors of Vernon and the honored city of Burnaby.

On Saturday morning, February 7, Tracy took part in the parade which was followed by a luncheon at the Vernon Lodge.

The girls were then welcomed at the city hall where they were invited to sign the guest register. They were treated to entertainment at the Vernon Lodge by a three piece band which had accompanied Miss Bahamas from San Andrews, Bahamas. Two young girls from Hawaii also sang for them.

Tracy received many lovely gifts including a hand painted pet rock, complete with instructions for care, made by the local elementary students.

During her stay in Vernon, Tracy reports she was continually identified with the Beachcombers and the Sunshine Coast and was asked to convey greetings to the cast of the Beachcombers.

TRACY McDONALD
. . .attends Winter Festival

# The old farm isn't like it used to be

by ROB DYKSTRA

The old farm.

She ain't what she used to be.

Just ask Don Huard who, believe it or not, used to be in the mortgage business until he discovered that there is money in farming. And if Old MacDonald could see the Huard operation in Roberts Creek at this moment, he would probably cash in his straw hat and overalls and wonder what the Sam Heck is going on in this world anyway.

Don Huard, with the co-operation of about nine other farmers in this area, is putting the finishing touches on his Hanbury Road farm that is one of the province's first environmental control systems.

Simply stated, it means that instead of waiting for weather and nature to carry out its course in developing an animal as does the traditional farmer, climate, feed and activity will be carefully controlled to nurture the animal to maximum productivity and growth. It's a method of farming that began several years ago in Sweden and has already proven to be considerably more efficient than the traditional way of farming.

Don's major product on his ten acres surrounded by MacMillan-Bloedel forest will be eggs and poultry. A modern wood and metal barn is being completed and once the operation is fully viable Don predicts he will net between $60,000 and $70,000 a year from the products that come out of that building.

The barn is presently being installed with $40,000 worth of completely automated equipment that will cut the working day down to about three hours for the feeding, tending and caring for thousands of birds.

Listening to this modern day farmer explain the theories of the system, it becomes apparent that farming has turned into a science.

The most important factor in the environmental control system is that light and air are artificially controlled to determine the growth and production of the bird. According to Don, even the size of the egg — small, medium or large — can be completely controlled through the regulation of light and feed. That in itself has great significance in terms of supply and demand. If the market is flooded with small or large eggs, for instance, and the market demand is for medium size eggs, then Don will control his environment to produce medium size eggs.

There is also a tremendous saving in food consumption. Ground chickens, says Don, use about 40 percent of their energy, and consequently their food, in merely moving about to pursue more food. In the environmental control system, activity is kept to a minimum. Three birds will occupy a small metal cage that measures approximately 15 inches wide by 30 inches long. All the cages are serviced by a small conveyor track that carries food according to an automatic timer. Water is piped into small automatic water cups that can be triggered by the bird's beak.

Another important factor in this system is that disease is virtually eliminated. Unlike the traditional barnyard, the animals are completely isolated from other animals on a neighboring farm or wild animals that may be carrying a disease. Therefore, there are no antibiotics, no drugs, and no growth inducing hormones provided which Don says will give the consumer a chicken completely au naturel.

Furthermore, with the temperature maintained at a balmy 65 degrees F., controlled ventilation and humidity, the animal does not waste precious growing time in coping with the elements.

Manure from the chickens will also be removed automatically. The cages housing the birds are suspended from the specially structured roof trusses and periodically, an automated blade will scrape the manure from the floor and convey it outside.

Even the manure, Don says, will be dried and bagged and sold commercially as fertilizer.

Initially egg production will amount to about 50.000 dozen annually which Don hopes to eventually increase to 200,000 dozen. He has bought an egg quota from the egg marketing board and is now the only registered egg grader between Vancouver and Powell River. That way the eggs can be sold directly from the farm to the stores.

Don already supplies eggs to a number of the smaller stores on the Sunshine Coast and he has also initiated a home delivery system to senior citizens which has been curtailed temporarily because of the present expansion activities. Once that service is resumed, the farm will also be supplying residents of the Sunshine Coast with turkey, geese, roasting and broiling chickens and vegetables.

What is the state of the local market? According to Don he has already had to supplement his own egg production with eggs bought in the Fraser Valley. He has already sold all the geese he can produce for the next year. And he predicts that he will be selling 60,000 roasting chickens directly from his farm during the next year.

One important facet of Don's farming plans not previously mentioned is the establishment of a farmer's co-op that will aim to be completely self-sufficient in food production. The co-op so far includes nine other local farmers who will be specializing in certain animals and crops.

A goat farm in Port Mellon, for example, will provide fresh goat's milk for both members of the co-op and for sale to the hospital and consumers. Another farm will exclusively raise geese. Another will grow turkeys.

"Each one will be feeding the other," says Don.

Asked why he decided to become a modern day farmer, Don Huard's answer is by now obvious: it's a good living. Besides, he was born on a farm in Quebec and you might say he's going back to his roots. That's probably why, a few hundred feet or so from his super efficient poultry producing operation, Don has built a small traditional looking barn that will house a few horses, a cow or two, and maybe a goat.

That's to give the farm an authentic atmosphere, says Don.

*DON HUARD* will market 50,000 dozen eggs this year with the help of his environmental control system.

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## A shaky start

As 1976 gets underway, people everywhere wonder what lies ahead. The world economy is still very sick. There are civil wars in Angola and Lebanon, and soldiers and guerillas are fighting in other regions. It is not a very auspicious beginning to the final quarter of the 20th century.

But always there is hope. Whereas some men take up arms to prove their point, others choose the road of peace. The organization that offers mankind an alternative to widespread general warfare and possible nuclear destruction is the United Nations.

The United Nations is moving into its fourth decade of existence, and during the past 30 years both praise and abuse have been heaped upon the world body. Yet few would deny that the United Nations must struggle on, indeed must thrive, if the world is to avoid disaster.

The very fact that the United Nations today has 142 members — almost 100 more nations than the 46 signatories to the 1945 San Francisco conference — is proof that statesman everywhere recognize the organization's importance.

But just what are the achievements of the United Nations, many will ask. Its very survival is a triumph for those who prefer peace over war. And there are proofs that the United Nations is succeeding where the League of Nations failed. Its peacemaking role in the Middle East, past efforts to avert protracted warfare between India and Pakistan, moves in different parts of Africa to prevent fighting from spreading were not always entirely successful — but a United Nations presence always helped. In the development of international law, economic and social cooperation, in providing an annual international forum where countries can debate the vital new instruments for peace. It also acts as an invaluable safety valve for some angry and embittered nations, and as a house for all nations where politicians and diplomats can exchange views freely.

The United Nations has a long way to go before it attains the heights we may expect from it. But in the history of humanity, 30 years is but a moment. And during its fourth decade, the United Nations will have to withstand new tests. This it can do — but only with the support of those who believe in a truly hopeful world of nations that are united in their efforts to better the lives of all.

## Less greed

As Ottawa unveiled the details of its anti-inflation program just before Christmas — a program designed to regulate the earnings and spendings of most Canadians — consumers continued to push their way through the turnstiles and crowd the escalators of the nation's stores, buying as if there were no tomorrow.

In our greed we have demanded more from the system we live under than it is capable of producing — high wages, high profits, more goods and services and, above all, more gadgets and comforts than we can possibly use.

The work ethic has become an object of ridicule. The family is under constant assault. Morality is antiquated, if not obsolete and evidence of a lack of self-discipline is everywhere.

In its belated attempts to restrain rampant consumerism, the federal government has attempted to legislate inflation and greed out of existence. But government controls at every level of our existence only serve, too often, to divert us away from attacking the social sins that are manifested by greed and waste.

Restore some sense of discipline in all areas of our lives, a discipline motivated by a sense of co-operation and responsibility and we would be in a better position to attack the awesome problems that are facing us in the last half of the 1970s.

To continue to have all restraints on our lifestyles legislated from above gives us no motivation to do some honest soul-searching and to reaffirm man's essential need to practice his own self-discipline and constraint.

## One nagging question

Unfortunately we must applaud the school board's decision to spend an extra $100,000 on the new Elphinstone school. We say unfortunately because $100,000 is a lot of money and it seems ironic to be pouring that into a school that has just been built.

There's no doubt that something had to be done. Even a superficial look at the new school will reveal that it leaves much to be desired and the student and staff briefs presented to the school board recently make that point quite clearly.

But there's one nagging question: Why wasn't all this work done while the school was being built?

## remember when...

**FIVE YEARS AGO**

The Insurance Adjusters Association stresses the need for more fire hydrants in Gibsons to help keep fire losses down.

The school board and Indian Affairs department are discussing possible integration of Indian pupils in the school system.

B.C. Hydro's tally on new homes on the Sunshine Coast in 1970 reveals 130 were built.

**10 YEARS AGO**

Sechelt area will get a $215,000 stone mound breakwater along the shoreline in Selma Park area.

Ted Henniker, Bank of Montreal manager and wife were presented with electric lamps by the Chamber of Commerce on their departure to the bank at Rossland

Compilation of 1965 weather reveals total precipitation of 58.38 inches on 130 days. High temperature hit 96 July 30, a record.

**15 YEARS AGO**

Four bodies have been found, part of a group of eight men reported drowned on a boat trip between Texada Island and Pender Harbour.

Four zones on the Sunshine Coast will be set up for selection of seven trustees for the proposed hospital district.

Sechelt fire department responded to 10 calls during 1960. There were 19 calls the previous year.

**20 YEARS AGO**

The muddy condition of the gravelled part of the Gibsons to Powell River highway has drawn protests.

Grounding faults in the power system involving Clowhom and Port Mellon areas created power outages.

A disturbing garbage collection problem, discussed by Sechelt's Board of Trade was left for decision by the new municipal council to be elected in April.

**25 YEARS AGO**

A Gibsons five room home on six acres is offered for sale at $2,000.

Roads are planned with ferry connections to open a through highway from Gibsons to Powell River.

## News item: ICBC checking for cheaters

*Aha, just as we suspected. She's not using it only for pleasure.*

## Feb 15 - 22 special week for Scouts and Guides

The week of February 15 to 22 has been declared Scout-Guide Week in British Columbia.

All over B.C. Beavers (5 - 7 year olds); Cubs (8 - 10); Scouts (11 - 14); Venturers (14 - 17; Rovers (17 - 23) and hundreds of Volunteer Leaders and committee personnel will be celebrating this important week along with their sister organization — The Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

Special outdoor and indoor displays will be staged, banquets, and other social events will mark this National Scout-Guide week.

Scouts in Gibsons will be gathering this Sunday for a Thinking Day service. The Scouts will march from the Peninsula Transport yard to the Elphinstone Gymnasium. The march is expected to start at 1:30 p.m. and the service will be held in the gym one half hour later.

## Of shoes and ships and sealing wax

## Did you say Patti was here?

by ROB DYKSTRA

This is the saga of Patti Hearst and the Sunshine Coast.

It happened some six or eight months ago. The San Francisco newspaper heiress had been missing for over a year. She was presumed to be travelling with two other people, Emily and Richard Harris. Various reports came to the Hearst search headquarters; Patti had been spotted in Toledo, Ohio, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in Denver, Colorado, In Toronto, Canada.

Then one day she was spotted on the Sunshine Coast, a remote forested area north of Vancouver.

In fact the report said she was hiding out in a commune on Storm Bay, on Porpoise Bay, near the village of Sechelt.

The local RCMP detachment was alerted immediately. Armed Forces helicopters in Comox were told to stand by. Forestry officials were asked to help. A plan developed. A commando raid would take place on the commune at Storm Bay. They would wait until 4 a.m. and at that darkest hour of the morning, when all civilized beings were deep asleep, the commune's inhabitants, including perhaps Patti Hearst, and Richard and Emily Harris, would be taken by surprise.

We pause here for a commercial and we find time to ask ourselves: Did Cst. Wayne Dingle, RCMP, Sechelt, see himself gloriously on the front page of every major newspaper in the western world — as the liberator, or captivator of Ms. Patricia Hearst?

The local commando group was amassed. The watches were synchronized, the comox helicopters placed on red alert. The countdown started and the raid was on.

Details here become sketchy. It was dark, a bit windy, and there may have been a bit of confusion because somebody's radio failed to work. If we could have talked to an eyewitness he might have told us that the whole thing was reminiscent of the Bridge on the River Kwai. Or MASH.

Anyway, to bring our reader quickly to the denouement of this tale, the commune was raided but neither the Harrises nor Ms. Hearst were found. They found a young lady who looked like Ms. Hearst but that's all.

Too bad, everyone thought, there goes our glory.

The commando group dispersed and if our eye-witness had been present he may have told us that everyone went to Wakefield for a beer to talk about the excitement of the night. But we wouldn't have believed him because we know Wakefield isn't open at 4 o'clock in the morning. Anyway that's irrelevant because there was no eye-witness.

Do you believe it?

## Let's talk taxes

If you tend to judge the quality of a product by the price tag alone, this item won't be of interest to you. But read on if you want a quality product without a direct charge.

The quality product in question is the tax guide enclosed in the envelope from Revenue Canada, Taxation containing the tax return which you must complete and return by April 30, though the sooner the better.

The government people who prepare the tax guide realize the average taxpayer is not a chartered accountant nor a lawyer, and they devote a great deal of effort to putting it in the simplest language possible. Some people brush it aside, perhaps because there's no charge for it, human nature being what it is. But you're paying for it through your taxes, and year by year, more and more taxpayers are using it when they sit down to complete their annual tax return.

The tax guide tells you what's taxable and what isn't. It answers most of your questions, but if you can't find an answer there you can telephone your nearest District Taxation Office (see the back cover)—again, without direct charge no matter where you live in Canada.

Here's how the guide can help you:

Joe Blow works for a construction company and last year he earned $10,000. He has a wife named Irene and two children, Fred 12 and Lisa 10. Irene does not work outside the home and his children are in school. Joe does not need to pay taxes on his whole $10,000. He can claim exemptions and deductions to reduce his taxable income and therefore pay less tax.

Joe can claim a personal exemption of $1,878 for himself, a married exemption of $1,644, and dependent exemptions of $352 for each of his children. He can claim $100 standard deduction for medical expenses and charitable donations.

He can claim an employment expense deduction of $150, any contributions he made to retirement plans or pension funds, union dues, and tuition fees if he went to school at night.

If he invested money in Canada Savings Bonds or other investments, his interest from the investment would not be taxed unless it is more than $1,000. That's called a dividend and interest income deduction.

If Irene decided to get a job, she could claim child care expenses of up to $500 for each child, and if Joe gave money to a federal political party last year, he can get a political contribution tax credit.

Joe and his family could also put aside up to $1,000 a year for ten years toward the purchase of a home. Joe would not be taxed on that money if he put it into a registered home ownership savings plan and used the money only to buy a home or furnishings for his own use.

And there's lots more. It's all in the tax guide.

The tax department's responsibility is to see that Canadians pay the CORRECT amount of taxes they owe under the law—not the most. So in the tax guide the department explains all the benefits—the exemptions, deductions and credits—available to taxpayers as well as items of income to which taxes apply. Leaf through it this year before you tackle your tax return.

# Letters to the Editor

### APPRECIATION

Editor: On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Gibsons Public Library Association I would like to express our thanks for your continued support. The publication of the lists of new books placed in the library for the information of the membership is also very much appreciated.

—M. M. MEREDITH,
Secretary, Gibsons
Public Library Association.

### THE ICBC BLUES

Editor:
I have just got my renewal slips.
The worst has happened I fear.
The man from ICBC
Has given me the McGeer.

They have raised my insurance
One Hundred and Fifty Percent
or more
But I guess it's not their fault
If everyone is poor.

It has been said if I can't afford it
I should sell my Goldarn car
Or take it to the junkyard
So free enterprise could build
some more.

I guess it must be sinful
For poor people to clutter up
the road
And cause all that pollution,
And rich people they do goad.

I wish they had told me more,
But that's all they had to say.
I guess I will have to stay satisfied,
As this is the Socred way.

Now this is something I do know.
I have heard it many times before.
You cannot give to the rich
Unless you take it from the poor.

Oh well, I will make out all right.
I know, I should not condemn.
But oh, my God, where are
our brains?
Why did we vote for them?

—MIKE JEPSON,
Gibsons.

### GENEROUS MARCH

Editor: Re 1976 Mothers March Campaign.

Another Mothers' March is in its wrap up stages and I would like, on behalf of the Kinsmen Club of Gibsons, to extend a great big thank you to all the citizens of the Sunshine Coast for their generosity. This year's campaign is showing a 10 percent increase over last year, thus making it one of our larger blitzes to date.

A special thank you goes to all our Marching Mothers who gave of their time and effort to arrive at this goal. The Kinsmen are especially proud of this blitz as virtually every penny goes directly into services offered by the Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation of B.C. Our next chore is to see that this money gets spent and we are obligated to see that anyone requiring our services on the Sunshine Coast gets this assistance.

It is especially gratifying when we can aid our local citizens as in the past. If in doubt as to what services are available or if you know someone that could use our programs please contact our Rehab Rep., Kin Phil Grafton, at 886-7851.

Any households that were missed by our Marching Mothers and still wish to make a donation; they can be mailed to Kinsmen Club of Gibsons, Box 22, Gibsons, B.C. and an income tax receipt will be returned for those requesting one.

Also, while I have the opportunity, I would like to extend our thanks to Alderman Kurt Hoehne who volunteered to ride in our chariot at the Pacific Coliseum, during Schmockey '76, which kicked off our Mothers March this year. Despite our good start, we finished last but all returned home safe.

—HAIG MAXWELL,
Co-Chairman,
Gibsons Kinsmen.

### GORE OR GOWER?

Editor: Can anyone tell me how Gower Point got it's name? Was "Gower" an early settler here, or is the word merely a corruption of the original name?

When Captain Vancouver was exploring Georgia Strait, a lieutenant of his command sighted a headland on the mainland coast and in his honor, Vancouver recorded it on his chart as Gore Point. Lieutenant Gore also sailed with Capt. Bligh of the Bounty fame and it seems a shame to lose this name, with its connection with these two great seamen, Vancouver and Bligh.

We lose touch with so much of our history in these days of "progress" but the names of the early explorers surely should be remembered; it doesn't cost anything.

Gower Point or Gore Point, which should it be?

—E. R. EAST
Gibsons, B.C.

**Editor's note:** According to local historian Lester Peterson, there are two possible sources for the origin of Gower. The first is that the name was indeed Gore but originally applied to Georgia Bluff and not the present Gower Point area. Mr. Peterson thinks that the Chaster family may have borrowed the name Gore or Gower in 1912 to name the area presently known as Gower Point. It is not known when or how the name was changed to Gower.

The name can also be identified with Captain Erasmus Gower of the Royal Navy. This would correspond to the fact that many places in this area have names connected with the Royal Navy. In this case the name was also originally applied to Georgia Bluff which was considered the entrance to Howe Sound.

## Some food prices expected to drop

As we start a new year, most of us wonder what's in store. Agriculture Canada economists recently provided us with some clues about food supplies and prices for 1976. At the annual Agriculture Outlook conference in Ottawa, they made some interesting predictions about Canadian foods for the coming year.

Consumers can expect larger supplies of beef, pork and poultry (particularly broiler chickens and turkey). Stocks of chicken are lower than a year ago and there has been an increased demand due to the higher pork prices.

Beef and poultry prices are expected to remain relatively steady during the year while pork prices are expected to gradually decrease by next fall. Retail prices for Canadian lamb will remain high as supplies continue to decline.

Egg supplies should be in line with consumer demand. Producer prices are set by CEMA (Canadian Egg Marketing Agency) and are geared to production costs.

Retail prices for fluid milk should not increase much during '76 since milk production is on the upswing. Sales of both fluid milk and cream should increase.

Butter stocks will be less than last year but will still be adequate to meet consumer demand.

Large stocks of skim milk powder are available and consumers should take advantage of this economical buy.

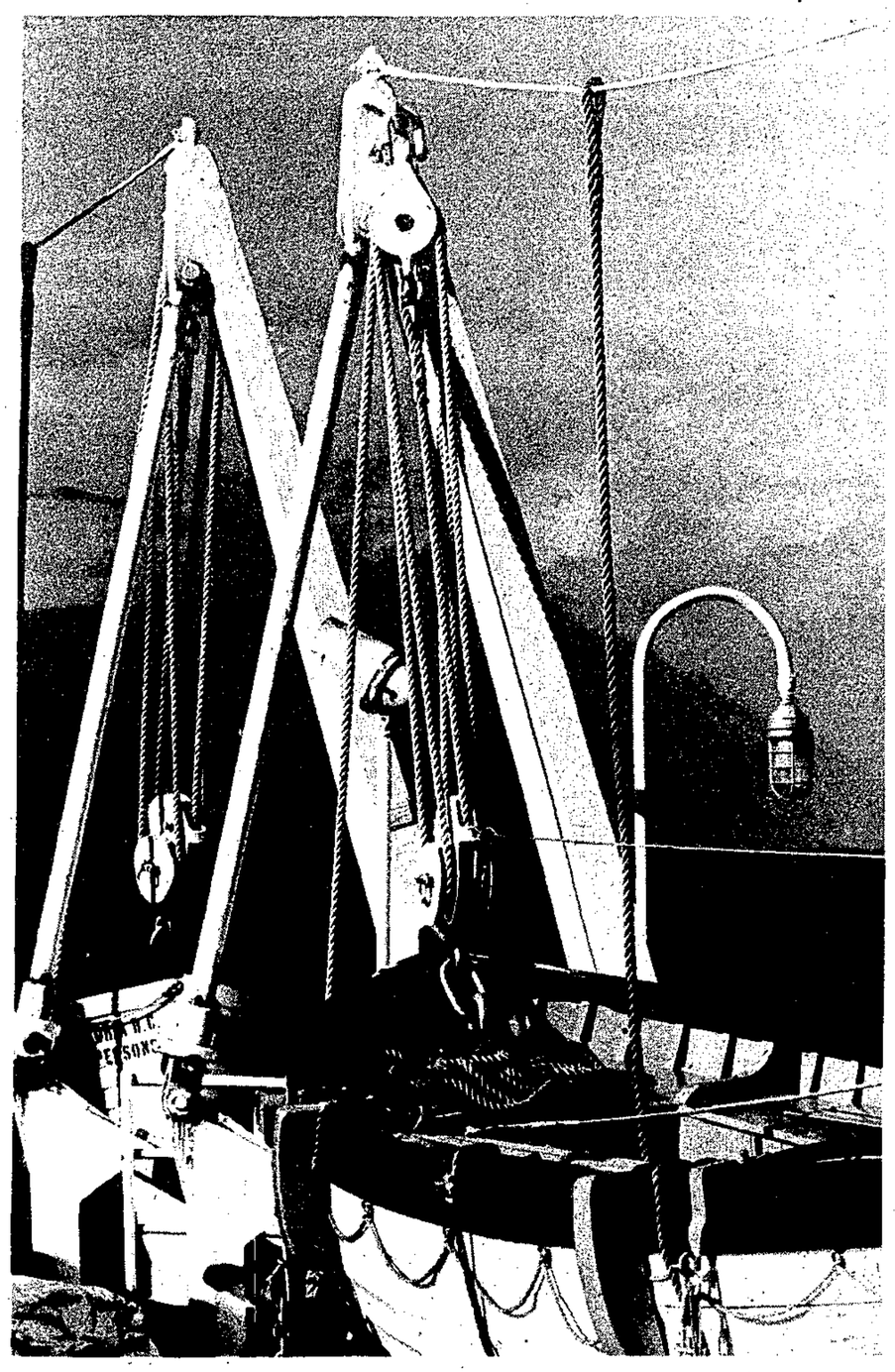
Consumer demand for cheddar and Canadian-made variety cheeses and ice cream is expected to increase and more will be available.

We can look forward to lower price tags on stored apples and pears because of above-average crops in 1975. Prices for canned tender fruits (apricots, cherries, peaches, pears and plums) should also be lower. However, fresh and processed berries will probably cost more.

Because of lower potato production we'll be paying more this year for both table and processed potatoes than we did a year ago.

Wholesale prices for fresh vegetables will probably be similar to those of last year with seasonal price increases expected for all storage vegetables.

Canadian honey production increased in 1975 and although retail prices are generally firm, some price specials are occuring.



A UNIQUE perspective of the Langdale Queen was captured last summer by Jack Copland. Jack was a participant in last fall's continuing education photo course headed by Ian Corrance.

# Leisure Page

## Films

# The Maltese Falcon returns

One of fiction's most popular sleuths, Sam Spade, returns in The Black Bird, a film that continues the search for the famous Maltese Falcon but this time in a lighter vein.

In this incarnation, it's Sam Spade Jr., the detective's bungling son, portrayed by George Segal, who's up to his shoulder-holster in cut-throats and conniverers pursuing the "Maltese Falcon."

The outrageous spoof, which stars Stephane Audran, (winner of the British equivalent of "Oscar"), Lee Patrick, Lionel Stander and Elisha Cook Jr., draws on characters created by the late Dashiell Hammett. But the emphasis has switched from the sort of cold-blooded killing which surrounded Humphrey Bogart in "The Maltese Falcon," directed by John Huston, to zany comedy.

"The Black Bird" is set thirty years after Sam Spade (Senior, that is) wandered off into the mists, presumably having unraveled the mystery of the "Maltese Falcon." Now, his son has inherited his old San Francisco office — in a neighborhood that's badly deteriorated over three decades — only to discover that the fabled figurine is still a solid gold motive for mayhem.

In his 1941 version of "The Maltese Falcon," hailed as a film classic, Huston assembled a landmark cast: Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor, Sidney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre, Elisha Cook Jr., and Lee Patrick.

Die-hard film buffs, whose numbers are inestimable, will be pleased to learn that the Ray Stark organization persuaded two of the original cast members to reprise their "Falcon" roles 31 years later. First is Miss Lee Patrick, coaxed out of a ten-year retirement to be seen again as the incomparable secretary, Effie — now a tough and blasphemous old gal who despises Sam, Junior. Second is the original gunsel — Elisha Cook, Jr. — as Wilmer, the killer with a baby face and tiny hands which juggle huge guns.

The film plays at the Twilight Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 19, 20 and 21. Rating is mature.

The Twilight will be playing a double bill February 22, 23 and 24. Lady Ice starring ex-patriate Canadian Donald Sutherland and Jennifer O'Neil is referred to as an exciting and thrilling story about a jewel heist. This film, rated mature, will run with The Prisoner of Second Avenue, starring Jack Lemmon, based on Neil Simon's screenplay. Prisoner of Second Avenue is rated general. Showtime for the double bill is 7:30 p.m.

A premiere show of acrylic paintings by Brett H. Osborne of Gibsons will be seen at Whitaker House from February 16 to 21. The show features a collection of abstract and fantasy works dating from 1968 to 1976.

Mr. Osborne is largely self-taught, but had a comprehensive practical training while serving as an assistant to his father, the late J. J. Osborne, a commercial artist. Brett's disciplines include landscape painting, figure drawing, murals, sign painting, technical and product illustration.

**New paintings by Mrs. Yvette Kent, different and very good. See them at Miss Bee's, Sechelt.**

# Young photographers display work here

The Vancouver Art Gallery's Extension Program is touring the province with a series of prints by younger B.C. photographers. The exhibition will be in Gibsons February 24 in the Elphinstone Art room and in the Pender Harbour Secondary School library, February 26. Times for the showings are 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in both places.

Also as part of the program, Mrs. Darcy Edgar, an animator from the extension department will meet with high school students during the day to discuss photography on a technical level. She will also be on hand during the evening showings.

The show will feature approximately 50 photographic prints. For the most part these prints are the work of young artists newly graduated from the Vancouver School of Art and the Fine Arts Studio Program at the University of British Columbia, although the work of several instructors and "independents" is included.

Both color and black and white prints are included. Some of the artists represented are Fred Douglas, Nettie Adams, Bill Cupit, Tony Westman, Katrina von Flotow, Harry Tonn, Jim McKenzie, Blake Murray and Tom Wakyama. The work includes landscapes, portraits of family and friends, studies of the human figure and a social documentary of the province.

There are some tongue-in-cheek portraits by Anna di Spirito who shows a fine feminine, almost decadent sensitivity for decorative detail. Dale Pickering is represented by a series of airbrushed, hand-colored prints in electric, acid-toned colors. Her prints record random configurations of people moving through the landscape, their mundane activities — walking, sun-bathing — seemingly charged with meaning. A series of sinister portraits of the performers in Circus Minimus by Lesley Moyle have been printed using the new Cibachrome process. Color prints are made directly from slides on acetate without the use of an internegative. Lucien Duhamel has done a highly sensuous series of soft-focus studies of the human figure while Marion Penner-Bancroft has some delightful neighborhood landscapes of Kitsilano Beach in Vancouver.

Admission to the showings is free thanks to grants from the B.C. Cultural Fund and the National Museums Corporation.

# Less calories than a martini

by CAROLYNN BICHLER

Millions of people are jogging around blocks, huffing and puffing in gyms and homes, sweating and jiggling fat off their bodies. This is the thin generation, where thin is in. We all strive to look like our favorite star. It's better for your heart, not to mention your reflection in the mirror, and shopping for clothes. You feel better, have more stamina, more sex appeal.

All this is great, but want to hear something even better? Want to slim and tone without sweat, strain, ache and pain? The secret is yoga. It's been in existence thousands of years and is still being practiced today. No fad fly by night method here.

Yoga is exercise, but it's passive exercise. You are never supposed to strain yourself, only move within the limits of your own body. Stretching is an important component of yoga, and when you stretch in one direction, you must also stretch in the opposite way, thus balancing your body. You must also exercise all parts, toning and conditioning uniformly.

In performing an exercise, or posture, you use deep breathing, giving your lungs the opportunity to expand fully, something we don't do in normal breathing. All movements should be done slowly and with grace, in yoga

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# Rockhounds

Something new for the Sunshine Coast was started on Monday, February 9. A group of "rockhounds", those people who hunt, collect, polish, cut and treasure some precious stones for a hobby, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chappell in Gibsons.

This nucleus of a new Lapidary club for this area extends an invitation to anyone interested in any phase of rock hounding to join them in forming this new club. If you are interested phone Mrs. Berna Chappell at 886-9204 or Mrs. Nora MacDonald at 885-9393.


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## CBC Radio

# He could swear and drink

Between Ourselves, Friday, 8:03 p.m., pays tribute to Monseignor Athol Murray, founder of University College of Notre Dame Wilcox, Saskatchewan, who died in December, 1975 at the age of 83.

A Catholic priest, Father Murray's attitudes and activities were definitely non-sectarian. In Regina, he formed a team called the Argos, whose players were Catholic, Protestant, Moslem and Jew. His school was open to boys of all faiths, colors, and walks of life. Notre Dame had a reputation as a school of hard knocks, for developing leadership and highly rated athletic teams.

Athol Murray was larger than life. He could swear and smoke and drink like a trooper, but he loved his boys and they in return gave him their devotion and their best efforts. St. Augustine was his guiding light and he never ceased his efforts to bring about religious harmony.

Bill McNeil has included an interview with Father Murray in this tribute which he has prepared.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
**Vancouver Recital** 1:30 p.m. Nigel Rogers, tenor, Lina Lee Thomas, harpsichord. Songs by Blow, Purcell, Lawes.
**Quirks and Quarks** 8:03 p.m. Science Magazine, host Dr. David Suzuki.
**Concern** 9:00 p.m. Move Over Marlboro Man — the new sensitivity in maleness, based on an interview with Warren Farrel (Beyond Masculinity and The Liberated Male). The program investigates what makes the "new" man tick.
**Country Road** 10:30 p.m. Doug Bell.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**
**Organist in Recital** 1:30 p.m. Rudolph Scheidegger at First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg. Bach Chorales.
**Themes and Variations** 8:03 p.m. Part 1. The 1975 New Brunswick Festival of Chamber Music and Jazz. Part 2. Brunswick String Quartet, Quartet in D major, Mozart; Quartet in C minor, Shostakovich.
**Jazz Radio Canada** 10:30 p.m. Boss Brass and Gordy Fleming Quintet.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**
**Canadian Schools Broadcast** 2:03 p.m. Discussion with novelist Yves Theriault.
**Canadian Concert Hall** 2:03 p.m. Part 1. Vancouver Bach Choir, Voices for Today, Britten; Miniwanka, R. Murray Schafer. Part 2, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Steven Staryk, violin. Violin Concerto No. 1 in D major, Prokofieff.
**Between Ourselves** 8:03 p.m. Tribute to Monseignor Athol Murray, 1892-1975.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
Scheduling may be pre-empted for reports from the Progressive Conservative convention.
**Dr. Bundolo's Pandemonium Medicine Show** 11:03 a.m. Satire.
**Our Native Land** 12:10 p.m. Sound of Tradition, music from across the country.
**Metropolitan Opera** 1:30 p.m. Marriage of Figaro, Mozart, starring Kiri Te Kanawa; Benita Valente, Rosalind Elias, Stafford Dean, Thomas Stewart.
**Symphony Hall** 7:00 p.m. Montreal symphony, Claudio Arrau, piano. Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Brahms; Le Sacre du Printemps, Stravinsky.
**CBC Stage** 8:30 p.m. The Dock Brief by John Mortimer.
**Anthology** 10:03 p.m. Book review, Kildare Dobbs. Profile of Samuel Beckett, introduced by Alec Reid, drama critic of the Irish Times.
**Orchestral Concert** 11:03 p.m. Winnipeg Symphony - an American Bicentennial salute. Fanfare for the Common Man, Copland; New England Triptych, William Schuman; Lincoln Portrait, Copland - narrator Charlton Heston.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
Scheduling may be pre-empted for reports from the Progressive Conservative Convention.
**Bush and the Salon** 1:03 p.m. Four Cloaked and Hooded Figures by Paul O'Neill.
**NHL Hockey** 4:03 p.m. Canadiens vs. Sabres.
**Royal Canadian Air Farce** 7:03 p.m. Satire.
**The Entertainers** 7:30 p.m. Interview and music of Buffy Ste. Marie. Session with singer Patricia Dahlquist.
**CBC Playhouse** 10:30 p.m. play by Alfred Rushton.
**Quebec Now** 11:03 p.m. Part 3 History of the Society of Jesus.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**
**Music of our People** 8:03 p.m. Sandra Neuman introduces program of Portuguese music.
**The Great Canadian Gold Rush** 10:30 p.m. Studio session with Morse Code. BBC concert featuring Ace.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
**CBC Tuesday Night** 8:03 p.m. A dramatization of the story of the Irish patriot and martyr, Sir Roger Casement. A BBC production.
**National News** 10:50 p.m.
**BBC Folk Concert** 11:00 p.m. Tom Paxton.

# Chess players wanted

Five people aren't really enough to make a chess club, says one of the club's members, and that's why more chess mates are needed.

The chess club operates under the auspices of the Centre for Continuing Education, and if you don't happen to be a chess wizard, instruction at all levels is available.

The club meets every Monday Night at the Gibsons Elementary School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Club membership is $2. You are asked to bring your own chess set and board.

The club has been meeting in the past but organizers say they would like to have more chess players and potential chess players participate. They are looking for 12 to 20 people.

# Library has over 6,000 books

The annual general meeting of the Gibsons Public Library Association was held February 4 in the public library. Ken Goddard, chairman, expressed the board's appreciation to the many volunteer workers who have given hours of their time to the efficient operation of the library, and to Gibsons council for the continued support.

A special thanks was given to the retiring librarians, Mrs. Wynne Stewart of the Adult section and Mrs. Kitty Faris of the Children's Department.

Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Faris both reported a successful year's operation with a circulation of 13,992 books. Over 500 new books have been placed on the shelves giving the library a stock well over 6,000 books.

The following are the directors of the Board: Mrs. Jean Mainil, Mrs. M. Meredith, Mrs. W. Stewart, Mrs. L. Fletcher, Mrs. G. Rorke, Mrs. P. Spence, Mrs. M. Benyan, Mrs. I. Moxon, Mrs. L. Inglis, Mr. Ken Goddard.


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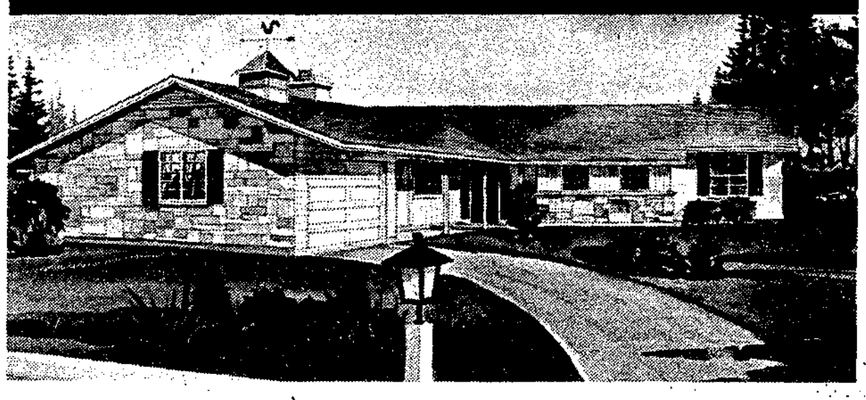

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## ★ PERSONAL

Will the man who phoned me December 19, 1975 about my accident please contact me again. G. Klausen, 884-5205.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mr. D. Young, please contact Box 3047, c/o Coast News, Gibsons.

## ★ DEATHS

GRIFFITH: Passed away February 7, 1976, Robert Lyon Griffith, late of Egmont, in his 63rd year. Survived by his loving wife Eileen; 2 sons, Dan and David; 3 daughters, Joyce Wilson, Judy Gill and Nancy Brown; 11 grandchildren; 6 sisters and 4 brothers. Funeral service was held Thursday, February 12 at St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Sechelt Rev. N. J. Godkin officiated. Cremation. Harvey Funeral Home, directors.

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# Yoga passive exercise

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this is important. Yoga incorporates mental as well as physical discipline. You control your body with your mind.

Another important aspect of yoga is relaxation. After each asana, or exercise, you must completely relax, let your whole person rest, before going on to your next asana. When you have completed the series of exercises that you have chosen for yourself you must spend a few minutes in complete relaxation called the sponge. You lie flat on the floor on your back with your palms up, and totally relax. Starting with your feet and working up your body you tense, and then relax every muscle, feet, ankles, calves, and so on. When you have relaxed this way you mentally search your body for tension and command it to relax.

After lying and relaxing totally for five or more minutes you open your eyes, and slowly, as if awakening from sleep, get up bringing your peace and relaxation with you. It's wonderfully refreshing. This relaxation exercise can also be marvellous when you feel particularly tense. When my husband comes home from work especially uptight I put him through this relaxation. It has less calories than a martini, and is a lot healthier for you.

People who teach, or have been doing yoga postures for any length of time claim many physical problems can be cured, or at least improved with yoga. Asthma, backache, bad posture, circulation, constipation and sinus trouble, just to name a few. I know people who claim their lower back problems improved. Usually people practicing yoga feel well, more vital, and alive.

Carol Hubel, yoga teacher in Gibsons, agrees. "In addition to creating beautiful functioning bodies, yoga banishes tensions, anxiety, negative thoughts and emotions which rob most people of their vitality and joy of living," she said.

Yoga is nothing new. But we North Americans who are famous for our psychosomatic illnesses and the frequencies with which we visit our "shrinks" might do well to give it some serious thought. And practice.

# First Aid

The eight-hour Survival First Aid offered in Elphinstone Cafeteria on Fridays and Tuesdays has become such a success that a second course is scheduled to start on February 27, Friday at 7:30 p.m. Fee, $7.50. The class is limited to 12 students and preregistration is therefore necessary. Please call 886-2512, Mary Fraser

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Dostoyevsky by Robert Payne.
**Gardening:**
Plants and Gardens in Towns and Cities by Stan Larke.
**Hobbies:**
The Candle Book by Carli Laklan.
Collecting Natural Objects by Joan Rendell.
Driftwood Sculpture by Jean Thornber.
**ADULT FICTION:**
Gideon's Sport by John Creasey.
Splinter of Glass by John Creasey.
The Promise of Joy by Allen Drury.
Future Kin edited by Roger Ellwood.
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The Dreadful Lemon Sky by John D. MacDonald.
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# This is Your Life

**Horoscope for the next week**

**By TRENT VARRO**

**ARIES - March 21 to April 20 -** Welcome a chance to let your mate set the pace where joint activities are concerned. There may be considerable activity linked with partnerships, finances or money transactions this week. This could be a busy time.

**TAURUS - April 21 to May 21 -** A good time to help others now, but don't become too involved in other peoples' problems. You can get much accomplished if you are patient and persevering. Everything will work out.

**GEMINI - May 22 to June 21 -** Get an early start if a short trip or visit is planned for the week. Avoid people and activities which can put a strain on health or invite trouble. Don't let temper get the best of you.

**CANCER - June 22 to July 22 -** Friends can be very stimulating and interesting right now. Welcome any chance to get out and enjoy a change of scene. Your business sense is very sharp right now. Watch out for legal entanglements.

**LEO - July 23 to August 23 -** Don't expect too much from friends or social life at this time, the cost may be more than you can afford. Don't do anything to invite emotional stress. Best to be silent and do nothing.

**VIRGO - August 24 to Sept. 22 -** Originality can pay off. You have the spotlight and you exercise a strong influence on those you love. Give close attention to home or family affairs. Timely moves help a lot. Good time not to borrow or lend.

**LIBRA - Sept. 23 to October 23 -** Now is an excellent time for study and research. Learn more about the world we live in. Your intuition here is sharpened and can help you greatly in domestic matters. Now is the time it will pay off.

**SCORPIO - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 -** It is quite possible that you are starting a new line of work. This could work out very well for you if you don't jump too fast. Take a long range look at things.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23 - Dec. 21** One thing is certain Sagittarius, there will be plenty of action around you this coming week. Get out and meet people as much as possible. Much can be accomplished through teamwork. People appreciate your helpfulness.

**CAPRICORN - Dec. 22 to Jan. 20** Travel, communication and writing will probably take up much of your time during the next couple of weeks. Some surprising benefits are coming your way. Gain is indicated for you in some form or another.

**AQUARIUS - Jan. 21 to Feb. 18 -** Put any new ideas you might have right now to work and they will be sure to benefit you if you carefully evaluate all the angles and be guided by sensible thinking. You can't go wrong.

**PISCES - Feb. 19 to March 20 -** A change for privacy and rest is in the stars for you at this time. Try to avoid too much traveling about or visiting under current influences. Do not let negative emotions affect health.

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## Hamburger Fund started

# Kosy Kitchen burns

One of Pender Harbour's most popular attractions was lost last Wednesday when the camper housing Kellie's Kosy Kitchen burned down while parked on owner L. Kelly's property at Egmont.

The popular hamburger and hot dog stand was absent from its usual spot at Madeira Park that day because Kelly was ill. About 1:30 he noticed smoke in the camper and by the time the fire department was called the whole vehicle was completely gutted. The vehicle was insured but the equipment within it, valued at $1500 to $2000 appears to be a complete loss.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the blaze but at this time they have come to no conclusions as to the origin of the fire.

Arrangements are being made for Kelly to open his kitchen at the old fire hall in Madeira Park next week and local citizens have started up a "Hamburger Fund" to help Kelly get his business back on the road. Donations can be made to the "Hamburger Fund" tins in Madeira Park.

*KELLIE'S KOSY KITCHEN* is not so cosy any more. —*Doug Sewell photo*

# Elphevents

by D. J. HAUKA

Events at Elphinstone this week centred around last Thursday's School Board meeting. The meeting was packed with students and teachers attending for various reasons. I was there to see what would transpire over the issue of Grads wearing street shoes and smoking and drinking in the gym at the Homecoming next March.

The meeting began at 7:30. By the coffee break at 8:30 it was apparent that this issue wasn't on the agenda. I walked over to Susan Dixon, our student president and asked her to bring up the issue.

"No," she replied, "I've got other things to ask for, so you make a speech."

Sitting at the back (I didn't want too many people staring at me) I started to write my speech. My biggest problem was how to start. "Madam Chairman," perhaps? Or "Uh, hey . . ." or "Madame High Potentate, your honored and Grand Wasiers . . ."

Deciding in the end not to use any of these openings I stood up and asked Chairman Celia Fisher casually if I could ask a question. There was a brief silence and then a "Yes, I guess so."

"Thank-you." I trembled, and as I began to look for my notes, I realized they were on the floor. I had not the slightest intention of picking them up; it might look as if I was grovelling or something.

"It has been brought to our attention," I began, "that the Grads for the Homecoming want to smoke, drink, and more importantly, dance with street shoes in the gym. I personally can sympathize with them. The idea of a sock-hop is unattractive, especially if you graduated in '52. But the students, and I think it would be safe to say, the staff and administration, feel very strongly about this. We feel that the grads should obey the same restrictions as the students. If 800 kids can take off their shoes then 300 adults can." With that I sat down.

The board's reply was that the shoes in the gym would only cause wear and tear that would happen anyway, so let the grads use the gym. At this I slipped over to Mr. Stoochnoff, while Sue replied we should at least try to preserve the floor as long as possible.

I asked Mr. Stoochnoff if he hadn't earlier said that a dance like this would do more damage in one night than has been done to the gym floor in the past six months. He said that was true. In the meantime Mrs. Breadner stood up and told the board: "I think you are creating a double standard. You're saying that the students have to take off their shoes but that adults don't have to do the same."

Then Mr. Stoochnoff backed us up. He told the board that during the last few months all the students have been taking off their shoes in the gym. He said the kids were very proud of their new gym and what would they think if adults were allowed to come in with street shoes. Very nicely put, I thought.

Then George Matthews added the coup de grace. He asked why a proper floor had not been put in from the beginning. He suggested a tartan floor should have been used, which requires little or no maintenance and would save the school district a lot of money in the long run.

In conclusion student council president Susan Dixon suggested that if the street shoes are going to be allowed then the grads should at least be required to do their smoking and drinking in the lunchroom.

The meeting ended without the board making a decision one way or the other.

Mr. David Remple, principal of Gibsons Elementary, made a most memorable comment to us afterwards.

"It's ironic that in the past it's always been the school board telling the students to obey the standards. Now the students are telling the school board."

So hopefully the board will come to a firm policy decision at the next meeting. If you happen to be a school trustee, think on it, will you?

## Group home consultant

Eric Aldersley, a psychometrist and researcher at the boys farm and training school in Quebec, will be visiting the group home at Wilson Creek this week.

Director for the group home, Ian Fenning, said that Mr. Aldersley will conduct seminars for staff members of the group home and other members of the professional community. He is expected to be here from Monday to Thursday.

Director Fenning said Mr. Aldersley offered to come to the Sunshine Coast in a consulting capacity at no cost to local authorities.


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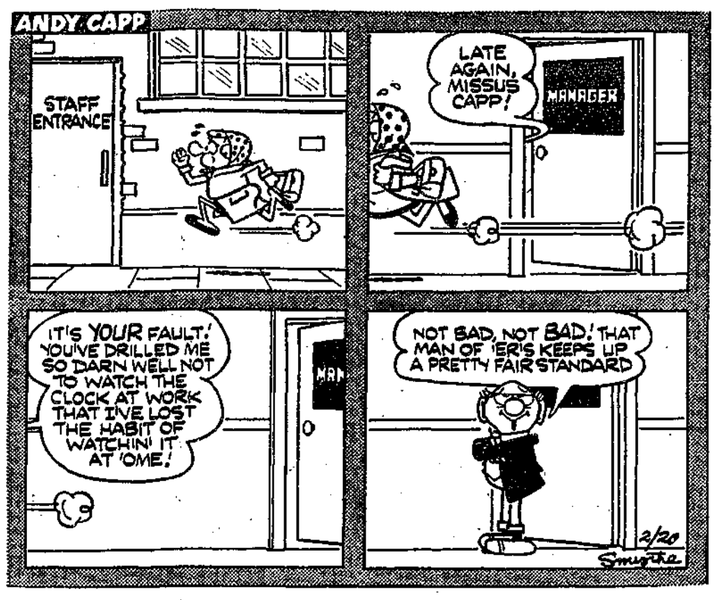


# A loss is a Gain

The exhilarating enthusiasm of TOPS B.C. 578, Gibsons, continues into the new year. Perhaps it is the encouraging mild weather that is helping to keep the overall losses so great. A record of 88¾ pounds lost has been set for the month of January.

The terrific losses of the six new members must be a definite challenge to all the slow movers. Tina Vanderhorn earned the Miss November awards and was also queen for a day. Leader Jan Rowland presented her with a corsage a banner and a huge collage bon voyage card with a poem to send her on her way to Australia where she will see her granddaughter.

Charms were awarded to all new members who showed a weight loss over the year and over the holidays. Sandra Morrison and Maureen Gledson received charms for ten pounds lost during one month.

Leader Jan presented special bouquets to Georgina Nasadyk, Debbie Ball and Kay Marshall for all they have meant to the chapter, through example, consideration for others and for their dedicated attendance.

Kay Marshall won the Miss December recognition, her eight week charm, and she also recaptured her 50 pound loss pin. Leader Jan presented Kay with a beautiful banner and a 50 momento with a pink rosebud. Melva Eckstein received her halfway to goal charm plus her eight week charm for perfect attendance without a gain.

Dorothy Lucas became a KIW (Kops in Waiting) by reaching her goal weight. She will now have 13 weeks to retain this weight to become a KOPS. Maureen Gledson has reached her halfway to goal after only three weeks with the chapter.

All members are working towards the Provincial Recognition Day in Prince George May 16. To help offset the cost for members attending, a bake sale was held in Super Valu February 14.

TOPS meets at the Health Centre in Gibsons Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome. Call Jan Rowland at 886-7797 for further information.

## 18 attend meeting

Roberts Creek Hospital Auxiliary held their February meeting last week in St. Aidan's Parish hall with only 18 members present.

Mrs. Grose, president, heard encouraging reports from all the committees. Mrs. Charlotte Raines agreed to be on the catering committee to receive phone calls at 885-3457. There is still a need for an assistant to the Volunteers Director to St. Mary's Hospital. Considerable interest was shown towards the Lower Mainland Regional District conference in Sechelt April 28.

New members are invited to join the auxiliary. Anyone interested phone Mrs. Grose, 885-9237 or Mrs. Newman, 885-3377. Each of the present members is asked to bring a guest to the next meeting, March 8, in St. Aidan's Parish Hall.


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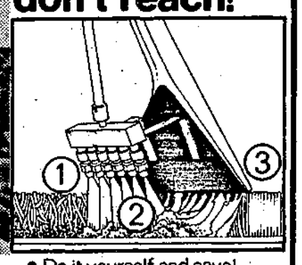


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# Jehovah assembly

The local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has just returned from their first semi-annual two day Circuit Assembly at the new Assembly Hall in Surrey. About 210 of the 223 members in the local congregation were able to attend, including the young ones, a spokesman said.

The main discourse by District Overseer Stand was entitled "Are you doing what God required of you?" drawing to their attention the urgency of the time we live in. He based his discourse mainly on Micah chapter 4, encouraging strict adherence to Bible principles, and being aware that soon Jehovah will do away with this system of things through his son Jesus Christ. This means a total governmental rule in the earth by God and not by man made governments.


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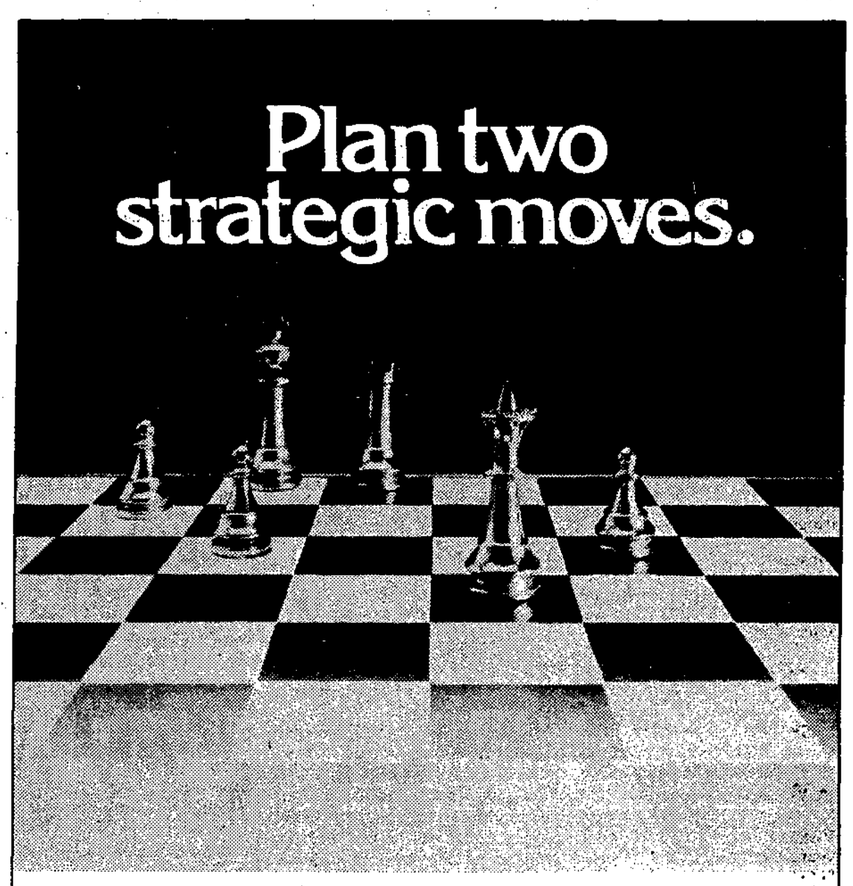

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*ANOTHER GOAL* is scored by Roberts Creek in last Saturday night's hockey game played at the Sunshine Coast Arena. This goal was one of eight scored by Roberts Creek as they trounced Wakefield 8-4. Leading Roberts Creek in the goal department was Sean Van Streppen with four markers. Ed Johnson, John Spankie, Mike Sutherland and Roy McBrien scored the others. For Wakefield, Rick McCartie, Jim Gray, Carl Kohuch and Roy Gaylie scored goals. *Ian Corrance photo*

## Boat and Sport show largest in Canada

The Vancouver Boat and Sport Show, Vancouver's largest trade show production, will be held in five PNE buildings February 27 through March 7.

The show, sponsored by the Marine Trades Association of B.C., features virtually every type of craft, including large and small powerboats, sailboats, canoes, dinghies, and large yachts. There also will be a full range of allied marine products, and a host of interesting and educational feature displays which will be of interest to the entire family.

The 10-day production, filling the PNE's Food, Showmart, Rollerland, Pacific Coliseum and Agrodome facilities, is entering its 11th year under the management of Vancouver-based Harmon-O'Loughlin Enterprises Ltd.

The show, largest of its type in Canada, "is a true representation of all segments of the marine industry," said Terry Kelly of Four Seasons Leisure World, president of the MTA of B.C.

# Sports Page

*Curling news*

## Curling spree great success

The first invitational curling spree with Sechelt last weekend was a huge success, curling club officials report. Both Sechelt and Gibsons upheld the honor of their clubs by carting off a fair share of wins. Nearly 30 rinks participated, beginning at 4 p.m., and continuing until 2 a.m.

If nose prints are of value to the RCMP, there is a good supply on the windows of the lounge, where spectators strained for a better view of the evening's events.

If the number who practiced last week is any indication, the turkey shoot on Saturday should be a huge success. Winners in the practice round were Al Pajak and Bill Clarke in the men's draw, and Judy Parrish in the ladies'.

The Bonspiel committee should consider a talent night to give non-curlers an opportunity to hear some of our talented curlers sing George Washington Bridge under the direction of choirmaster Al Pajak.

Construction of the lounge continues at a rapid pace. We appreciate the help received from Mr. Zimmerman, the design consultant from Capilano College, who is presently teaching a night school course in Gibsons.

Gus Schneider reports that almost enough $5 donations have been received to sheet one wall of the lounge. If you would like to buy a panel, give your donation to Gus next time you are at the rink.

*Gibsons Lanes*

## News from the alley

by BUD MULCASTER

We got back on the track with 300 games last week with Andy Spence starting things off last Sunday in the rolloff for the Thomas Adams Tournament. Andy rolled a 301 single in the first game which is a real good start for any tournament.

In league action, Nora Solinsky, who underrates herself but who is a very good bowler, rolled a nice 333 single and 712 triple in the Wed. Coffee league. Carole Skytte carried on with a 301-711 in the Ball & Chain league, Marg Iverson rolled 322-733 and Dianne Fitchell rolled 327-786 in the Thurs. Mixed league. Freeman Reynolds finished off the week with a 302-823 night in the Legion league.

In the Ball & Chain league Bonnie McConnell rolled 3 nice games of 258, 253 and 252, and Dianne Fitchell practicing Friday night bowled a 391 single with 10 strikes, one open frame in the middle and one corner pin in the tenth frame. Two strikes away from being perfect.

Good games rolled in all leagues last week.

Highest Scores:

**Tues. Coffee:** Celia Fisher 226-662; Helen Weinhandl 291-653.

**Swingers:** Flo Chaster 257-565; Hugh Inglis 240-690.

**Gibsons A:** Sue Whiting 294-610; Dianne Fitchell 236-614; Ian Clark 232-649; Henry Hinz 228-650; Vic Marteddu 245-702; Larry Braun 266-772.

**Wed. Coffee:** Vickie Buchanan 248-647; Darlene Maxfield 247-708; Nora Solinsky 333-712.

**Ball & Chain, 7:00:** Marg Williams 201-561; Ken Stewart 242-675.

**Ball & Chain 9:00:** Tena Youdell 273-690; Carole Skytte 301-711; Bonnie McConnell 258-763; Freeman Reynolds 278-727; Tom Flieger 299-740.

**Thurs. Mixed:** Willie Buckmaster 221-608; Marg Iverson 322-713; Dianne Fitchell 327-786; Art Holden 259-664; Hugh Inglis 287-682.

**Legion:** June Frandsen 273-629; Dianne Fitchell 284-692; Kathy Clark 277-715; Ken Skytte 246-648; Freeman Reynolds 302-823.

**YBC Bantams (2):** Michele Whiting 195-305; Ken Allanson 150-260.

**Juniors:** Loriann Horsman 172-422; Michele Solinsky 182-441; Jamie Gill 203-513; Charles Storvold 211-551.

## Pleasure boats up

There will be a dramatic increase in the number of pleasure boats on the Lower Mainland by 1980, according to a background paper prepared for the North Fraser Recreation Study. And the increase will mean greater pressure for berths and ramp facilities, with a possible shortfall of up to 6,000 berths inless new facilities are developed. The study has found that the number of primary pleasure craft in the area will increase from 53,000 in 1973 to between 76,000 and 86,000 by 1980. Primary boats are the sole boats in households owning more than one. If secondary boats are included, the predicted increase is from 68,000 (1973) to between 90,000 and 104,000 boats in 1980.

The report suggests that future ramp development should be concentrated at the mouths of the North and Middle Arms and east of Douglas Island. It found that Georgia Strait and the Pitt River are the main destinations of boaters now using the North Arm, and suggests that concentrating ramps near the river mouth will reduce boaters' travel time to popular waters and reduce hazards to small boat owners from industrial marine traffic and strong currents.

The hairy mammoth, a beast about one-third larger that a modern elephant, lived in the Canadian Arctic before the last ice age. A mammoth tusk eight feet long and 150 pounds in weight was discovered on the Kugaluk River in 1971.

*Rugby*

## Last minute penalty goal gives Gibsons narrow victory

A large crowd saw an exciting open game of rugby at the Elphie field on Sunday, February 8, between UBC and Gibsons.

The game opened with both teams playing attacking rugby. There was no score until about the 20 minute mark when a UBC player scored on a blind side run around a loose ruck 10 yards from the Gibsons line.

Gibsons struck back shortly after when Tommy Blaine kicked a 25 yard penalty goal. They then began to pressure UBC and just before half time Peter Rigby scored after the Gibsons scrum pushed their opponents over the goal line. Tommy Blaine then converted making the score 9-4 for Gibsons.

The second half opened with Gibsons keeping up the pressure on the UBC goal line. However, time after time unnecessary penalties were given away by the Gibsons players and their attacks came to nought.

UBC, however, despite the fact that they were being outplayed kicked two of the penalties and Gibsons found themselves losing 10 to 9.

The final minutes of the game were very tense. Gibsons tried in vain to score, their efforts being thwarted by good UBC tackling and their own mistakes. With three minutes to go, Tommy Blaine kicked the penalty goal which won the game 12 - 10 for Gibsons.

Despite being let off the hook it seemed that Gibsons would lose, for they gave away two more penalties within kicking range. Luckily for them the UBC place kicker missed both and Gibsons emerged victorious.

Basketball

## Tournament Feb. 19

Elphinstone Secondary will host the Vancouver and District Girls Single A basketball tournament next week. This tournament represents the B.C. semi-final playdowns for schools with under 900 students.

The tournament will start Thursday, February 19 with the first games scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Games will be played during the afternoon and evenings Thursday and Friday and all day Saturday. The final game on Saturday is expected to begin at 6 p.m. with the trophy presentation afterwards.

Admission to the games will be 50¢ for adults and students. Local tournament officials are looking for billets to accommodate girls from out of town teams. Anyone who can help is asked to phone Elphinstone at 886-2204.

Members of the Elphinstone girls team are Cindy Grafe, Susan Dixon, Julie Gallup, Lorraine Nestman, Barbara Sutherland, Maria Lynn, Cathy Gibb, Colleen Kurucz, Marilyn Monroe, Sharry Hancock and Colleen Casey.

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### ASSETS DOUBLE

Assets of the Canadian chartered banks passed the $100 billion mark in 1975, having more than doubled in five years.

## Meeting

A meeting will be held shortly between Hon. Allan Williams, the Regional Board and the Sechelt Indian Band to discuss the pros and cons of a proposed utilities corridor through the number 2 Indian Reserve in Sechelt.

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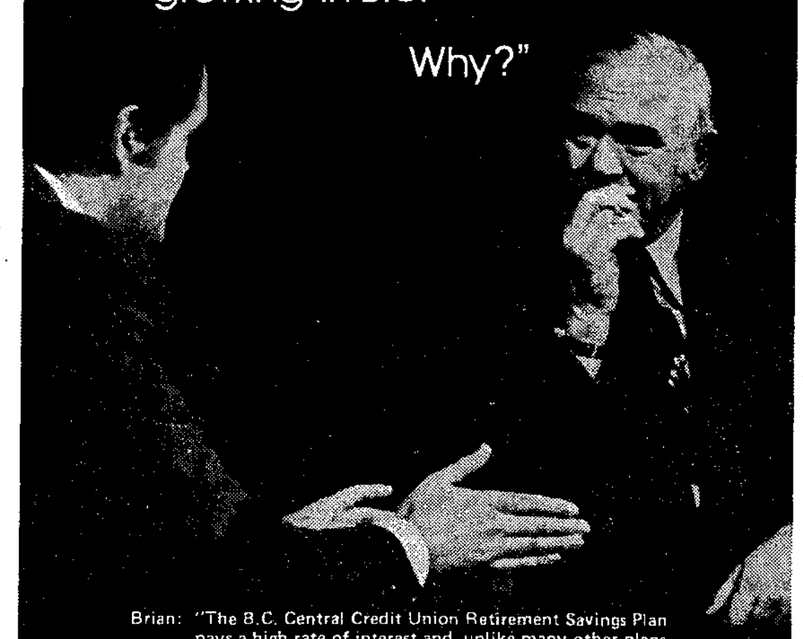

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# Fort Nelson comes alive in winter

by LYN HANCOCK

For two years in a row now the Alaska Highway has been washed out by normal July run-off from the mountains, causing as many as 3,000 tourists to be stranded in Fort Nelson for two weeks and almost doubling the population of British Columbia's most northerly town.

Fort Nelson, usually regarded by summer tourists as a sleepy stop along the highway at Mile 300, where gas tanks can be filled, cupboards can be replenished and clothes washed, is now becoming a tourist attraction in its own right. The day may come when people will make Fort Nelson, Lower Post and the most northerly part of the province their summer destination and not, as is now the case, an enforced stop while driving to Alaska.

A pinpoint in a vast expanse of uninhabited boreal forest traversed only by the Alaska Highway and several rivers, the Fort Nelson area is the centre of vast natural resources as yet very little exploited — lumber, agricultural land and several important minerals including oil and gas. In winter, when ice allows the hinterland to become an incredible jigsaw puzzle of seismic roads, the town's population increases many fold to service the natural gas industry.

To best appreciate the vastness and uniqueness of this north country, the visitor should take a flip above the muskeg. Only then can the intricate mosaic of the land be visualized: the splotches of dark green spruce, the squiggles of leaf-green meadows, the blue swirls of sloughs and lakes, and the cutlines, overriding all else, which criss-cross the land.

Once oriented, take a more intimate look at the town. It is just the right size, in the right place and with the right amount of history to make the traveller feel welcome. Many letters to the editor of the Fort Nelson News attested to the friendliness of its people during the tourist invasion at the time of the highway closure.

The town is especially alive and friendly during the two big events of the year: the Trappers' Rendezvous in early March and the rodeo in mid-August. People come from as far away as Toronto, Old Crow and various cities in the United States to participate in these events. The rendezvous is a celebration of winter, with snowshoeing, dog-team racing, snowmobiling, flour packing and a dozen other winter pursuits. The rodeo, held at a local ranch, pits cowboys against each other in a wide run of rodeo sports.

Here are some ideas to make your stay in Fort Nelson a more interesting one. Take the road to the right northbound at Mile 295.5 (by Tompkins Truck Stop) and following all left turns but the last, meander down to Old Fort Nelson, an Indian village on the banks of the Fort Nelson River. While you take this 16-mile journey into the past, you will see on the way the Fort Nelson of the present — old sawmills, logging burns, the tracks of the railway which you share with the train, gas wells, dehydration and pumping stations and the myriad turnoffs to the unmappable maze of roads that lead to the oil and gas fields.

Few families live now in Old Fort Nelson. Most of the Indians have moved to the more practical but less romantic and picturesque site along the highway at Mile 295. Now at the Old Fort the willow, birch and fireweed are burying the boats and buildings, the swallows nest in the church, and people needing lumber are denuding the Bay of its distinctive white facade.

It was World War II and the construction of the Alaska Highway that led to the present town of Fort Nelson. For reminders of the town's history, drive out seven miles to the airport where present residences used to house American air force personnel. Now a quiet community of bungalow or two-storey pastel colored frame houses, it used to be a busy pioneering complex with barracks, mess hall, a chapel, a post office, theatre, radio station and grocery store.

If you continue for three miles downhill from the airport you will reach Old Fort Nelson across the river. Catching a ride with an Indian boatman is a quicker method of getting to the old village than driving the road at 295.

Take the road along the river a mile downstream to the Port of Fort Nelson. Here was built the fort which preceded the present Indian village and a rich and abundant garden for airport residents during the Alcan construction. The Port now serves as a site for loading barges with freight brought up from the south by truck or rail for delivery to settlements along the Liard and MacKenzie Rivers as far north as Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic Ocean.

(This Travel B.C. story is one of a series provided by the British Columbia Department of Travel Industry).

*DOG TEAM* at the Trappers' Rendezvous in Fort Nelson.

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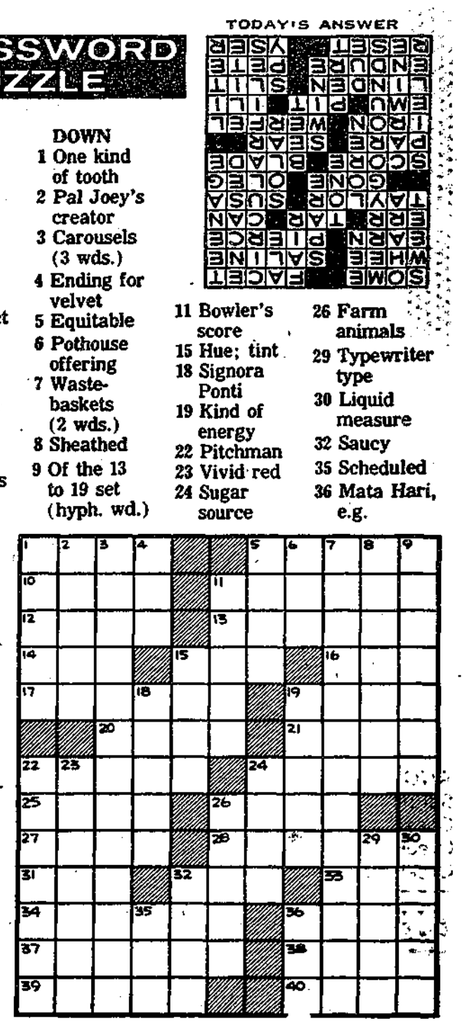

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# OES celebrates No. 27

Mt. Elphinstone Chapter No. 65, O.E.S., celebrated their 27th birthday on Thursday, February 5, 1976. The program consisted of honoring charter members and past Worthy Matrons and Patrons.

Margaret Hauka, Worthy Matron, welcomed all members and guests and visitors. A special welcome was extended to the Past Grand Matron, Winnifred Kirkham who gave the chapter a very interesting address. Also honored was Grand Representative of the State of Utah, Grace Cummings. Past Worthy Matron Zoe Eades was presented with her 25 year pin.

Honored past Worthy Matrons and Patrons were the following: Phyllis Parker, Bessie Shaw, Doris Aitchison, Edna Fisher, Doris Drummond, Leona Gatz, Emily Quigley, Margaret Trueman, Ruth Harrison, Margaret Swan, Edna Jure, Christine Anderson, Helen Grissock, Edith Fraser, Lorrie Bryson, Ted Shaw, John Donnelly, John Harrison and Stan Trueman.

Other visitors included: Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Burrard Chapter No. 9 and Mrs. Brooks, Marpole Chapter. The banquet room was tastefully decorated with pink and white streamers and bells. The tables looked lovely with pink and white dolls and a huge birthday cake decorated with pink and white roses.

After Refreshments, games were played.

Chartered members honored at the special meeting were Phyllis Parker, Bessie Shaw, Doris Drummond, Grace Cummings and Margaret Trueman.

# Auxiliary report

The regular monthly meeting of the Sechelt Women's Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital was held on February 12 in St. Hilda's church hall. In the absence of the president, Betty Monk, Billie Steele conducted the well planned and interesting business section.

A warm welcome was extended to new members Peggy Dalziel, Florence Doig, Barbara Wood, Janice Wallace and Barbara Christie. Any Auxiliary member whose fees are due, may find it convenient to pay them at Uncle Mick's Ladies Shoe store in the Trail Bay Mall.

Plans were discussed for the Spring Luncheon in the Senior Citizens Hall on June 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Margaret Humm and Dorothy Carter as conveners.

Tickets for the April 29 raffle for a hand-crocheted bedspread will be on sale at Shop-Easy in the Mall, February 20 and 21.

As director of volunteers, Muriel Eggins asked for extra help in that area. In January volunteer workers put in 198 hours.

The librarians noted a real need for paper-back books for the hospital and ask anyone wishing to contribute to leave the books at the hospital.

About 300 delegates are expected to participate in the Lower Mainland area conference, in the Sechelt Legion Hall on April 28.

Tea and refreshments were served by Mabel McDermid. The next meeting is slated for March 11 in St. Hilda's church hall.

# Shakemill stays

The shake mill at Wilson Creek is going to stay where it was, at least for the next five years. The mill, operated by R. H. Crosby, would be zoned as light industrial in a residential area and he would have to renew his zoning classification every five years. Although there was some opposition from residents around the site, the Regional Board has decided to let the mill remain, with the option to move it to an industrial site if the classification is changed by a future board.

# Pattern set

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Again, in the above mentioned textbook Mrs. Eddy says in quoting Jesus' words, "God is Love," "more than this we cannot ask, higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go." Can we look for a better pattern?

# Four winners

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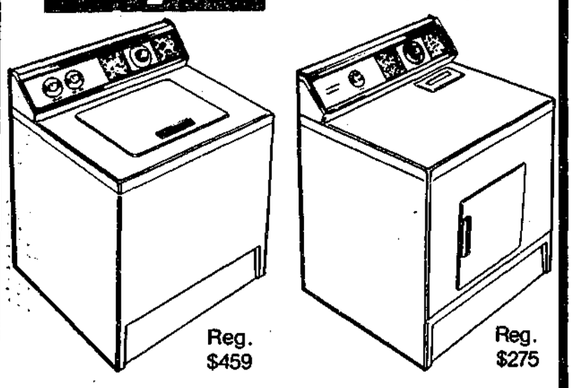
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| #3293 | Esplanade W/F lot - serviced, hydro and water available | $ 19,000 |
| #3409 | Executive W/F 4 bed. home, ideal for boating family | $125,000 |
| #3460 | 3/10 acre corner lot - view. Hydro, no water yet | $ 12,500 |
| #3434 | 7.33 acres - view - Halfmoon Bay | $ 32,000 |
| #3367 | 100' x 200' lot, water possible and Hydro available | $ 8,000 |
| #3494 | New home, 2 bedroom, Redroofs Rd. | $ 33,500 |
| #3190 | Southwest gentle slope view lot, paved rd., quiet area of new homes | $ 13,900 |
| #3309 | 48 acres on highway, not in ALR invest for the future | $ 66,000 |
| #3431 | 300 ft. waterfront, 5.24 acres, stream | $ 26,500 |
| #3323 | Deluxe 4 bdrm. home on 3½ view acres, subdividable | $135,000 |
| #3439 | Level lot near beach, store and good home ready to build | $ 12,900 |
| #3504 | Nearly 1 acre, attractively landscaped, 2 bdrm home, auto/oil heat, fireplace | $ 45,900 |
| #3522 | Quality 3 bdrm, 2 storey home, carpets, fireplace, sundeck, stream, terms | $ 58,500 |
| #3431 | 600 ft. waterfront, 8.41 acres, view, good moorage | $26,500 |
| #3457 | Large view lot, level building site, all services | $ 8,500 |
| #3424 | Developed corner commercial property, plus 2 bdrm home | $130,000 |
| #3509 | Southern slope view lot in area of new homes, paved rd., services, terms | $ 14,500 |
| #3445 | 3 bdrm home, auto/oil heat, fireplace, bsmt. level lot, close to all stores | $ 39,900 |
| #3377 | Gentle western slope, .27 acre, $5000 down | $ 13,000 |
| #3523 | Investment, double size lot waiting for services, quiet area | $ 9,800 |
| #3353 | .89 acres of privacy and large trees, close to beach access | $ 17,500 |
| #3378 | 70 x 176 treed lot with services by, on quiet street, consider terms | $ 13,000 |
| #3493 | 1.53 acres lightly wooded, level, no rock, road allowance at back, zoned R2 | $ 14,000 |
| #3407 | Hard to find waterfront lot with good beach access | $ 31,500 |
| #3412 | Level, wooded, ⅓ acre, ideal for mobiles | $ 10,000 |
| #3454 | Big lot, quiet area, creek borders one side (terms) | $ 22,000 |
| #3474 | Big view lot, mobiles permitted (good terms) | $ 12,000 |
| #3478 | Big wooded lot 127 x 549, convenient location | $ 20,000 |
| #3516 | View lot, handy to ferry and beach. Quiet side road | $ 10,000 |
| #3519 | Quality home, nearly new, owner designed | $ 65,000 |
| #3526 | New lakefront cottage, B.C. Govt. lease lot | $ 20,000 |
| #3539 | Convenient view lot, on sewer (good terms) | $ 16,750 |
| #3477 | View lot, not level, with steel shed | $ 10,700 |
| #3513 | Approximately 5 acres, 2 bdrm, fireplace, view | $ 64,000 |
| #3488 | Waterfront, 1 bdrm, furnished, fireplace | $ 39,900 |
| #3527 | Waterfront lot, steep but good view | $ 19,500 |
| #3528 | Semi-waterfront lot, good view | $ 10,500 |
| #3489 | 2 acres, 4 bdrms, fireplace, offers | $ 63,000 |
| #3512 | New, 2 bdrms, fireplace, sundeck, view | $ 39,900 |
| #3239 | Quiet corner lot, southern slope, potential view, easy black top access to ocean | $ 14,500 |
| #3479 | 3 bedroom special! Central location, schools, etc. near new with large garage | $ 39,500 |
| #3535 | Over ½ acre. R2 allows greater latitude. Treed, level. Close to ocean | $ 11,900 |
| #3413 | Handy to easy launching, hydro and water at road. Recreation? | |
| #3495 | Lot 15, budget priced, partial view, high class subdivision protection | $ 12,900 |
| #3515 | 4.5 acres of view, double highway frontage, ALR allows 2 homes, try 10 down | $ 27,500 |
| #3496 | Truly superb view! Apply for water/Hydro & build yoyr dream home on Lot 12 | $ 15,500 |
| #3529 | Big? Betcha! Level? Certainly! Close to, or nearby? Yep! Mostly cleared? Yes! | $ 14,500 |
| #3497 | Medium priced. Terms? Possible, but cash speaks louder. 80 x 164 plus | $ 13,500 |
| #3433 | 75 x 110 ft. Near easy sandy access to sparkling waters. Piped water Leisure? Retire? | $ 10,500 |
| #3498 | Lot 11, amidst scenic, desirable, treed home sites. Services available | $ 15,500 |
| #3499 | Lot 17, Economy Buy! 190 ft. rd. frontage. Spacious. Protections built in to your title | $ 12,500 |
| #3500 | Lot 10, best of the bunch for the peeking! Couple of blocks to slake your thirst or boating | $ 14,000 |
| #3461 | Sandy Hook - large res. lot, room for 2 houses | $ 12,500 |
| #3530 | Roberts Creek five acres, gentle slope, trees, well | $ 28,000 |
| #3531 | Sandy Hook 3 bedroom cottage, level lot near beach | $ 22,000 |
| #3532 | Gibsons - single bedroom cottage, electric heat, large lot | $ 22,000 |
| #3536 | Gibsons, Franklin Road, propane furnace, stone fireplace | $ 30,000 |

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